

## Public Input regarding “T-Rex”

Community Survey— conducted April 27 to May 3, 2022

### *Summary of survey results*

**2854 responses**

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## Community Survey - Green Dino - TRex

### Public input regarding "T-Rex" - Vernal, UT

The Vernal City Council seeks input from area residents about the future of our Green Dinosaur called “T-Rex” located at 800 W. Main Street (Hwy 40) in Vernal. The results of this survey will be compiled and shared with the City Council to assist with future decisions.

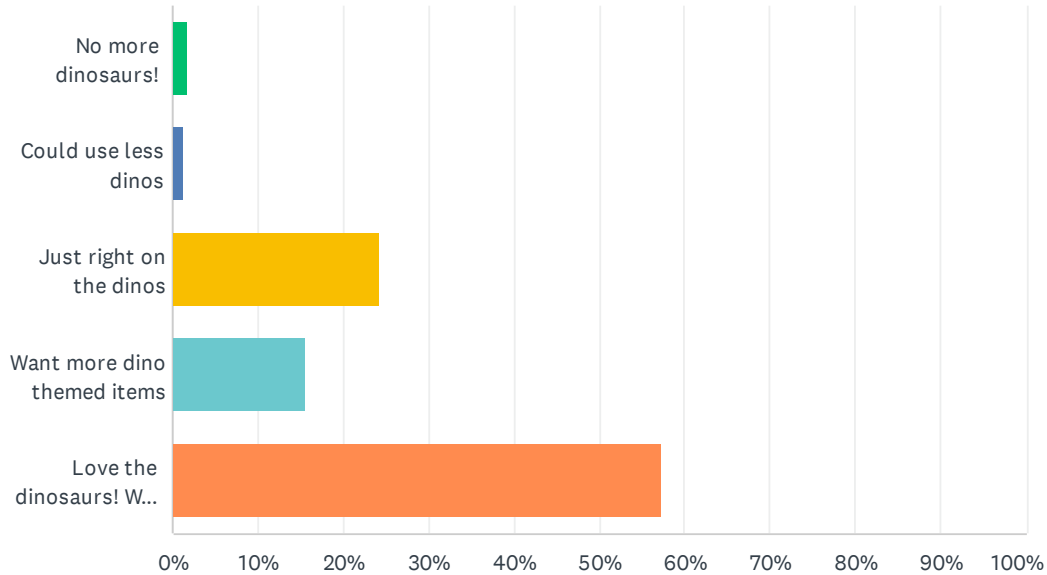
Current decisions include T-Rex’s state of disrepair, funding source for the repair and the safety of its location.

T-Rex was designed and constructed by local business owner, George Millecam, to display at his Dine-A-Ville Motel in 1969. T-Rex was later moved across Hwy 40 to where it stands now. T-Rex’s structure is constructed of a rebar frame and metal lath which is holding strong. It’s “skin” is cement stucco. The iconic dino has weathered many years and is in need of repair. The process to repair the dino involves chipping and grinding the old surface, patching areas of missing or crumbled stucco, applying three layers of synthetic stucco with fiberglass mesh and finishing with paint. The process is estimated to take place over a two month period, with a crew familiar with stucco construction. The repair estimate is \$30,000.

We want to hear from community members regarding their views of T-Rex and how to fund the repairs.

## Q1 Vernal is known as a dinosaur destination. What is your level of support for our community to embrace the dinosaur theme and invest more into dinosaur themed attractions, replicas, promotion and tourist information?

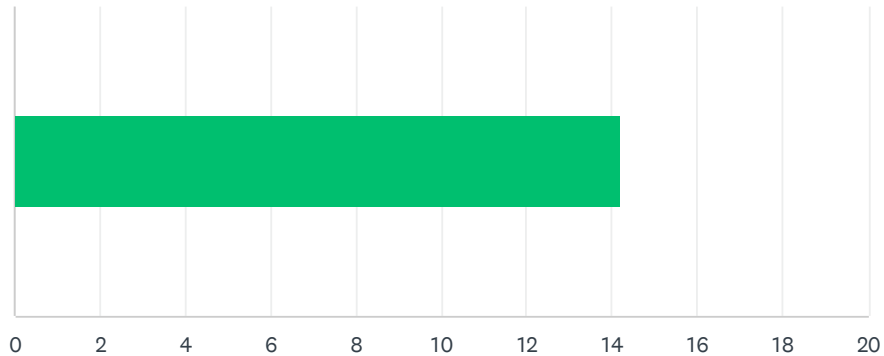
Answered: 2,818 Skipped: 36



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
No more dinosaurs!	1.67% 47
Could use less dinos	1.24% 35
Just right on the dinos	24.20% 682
Want more dino themed items	15.58% 439
Love the dinosaurs! Want lots more	57.31% 1,615
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,818</b>

Q2 The repairs to T-Rex are estimated at \$30,000. The City budget includes \$10,000 towards this project. Additional funds would be needed to complete the project. City taxes could be used elsewhere such as sidewalk repairs and fixing potholes, etc. Of the \$30k needed to repair T-Rex, how much should be paid with tax funds?

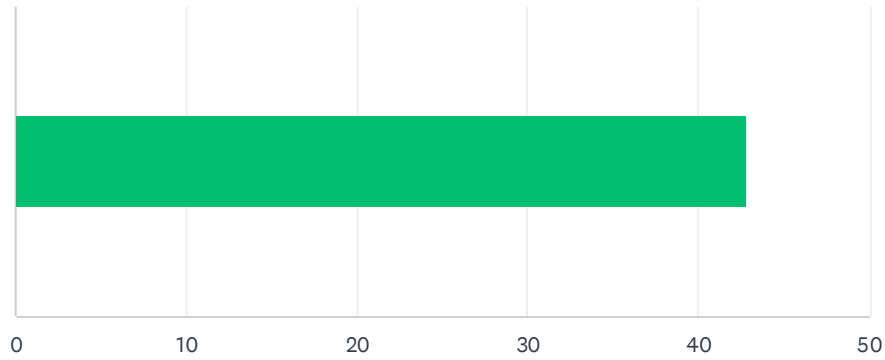
Answered: 2,589 Skipped: 265



ANSWER CHOICES	AVERAGE NUMBER	TOTAL NUMBER	RESPONSES
	14	36,775	2,589
Total Respondents: 2,589			

### Q3 How much would you be willing to donate of your own money to repair T-Rex?

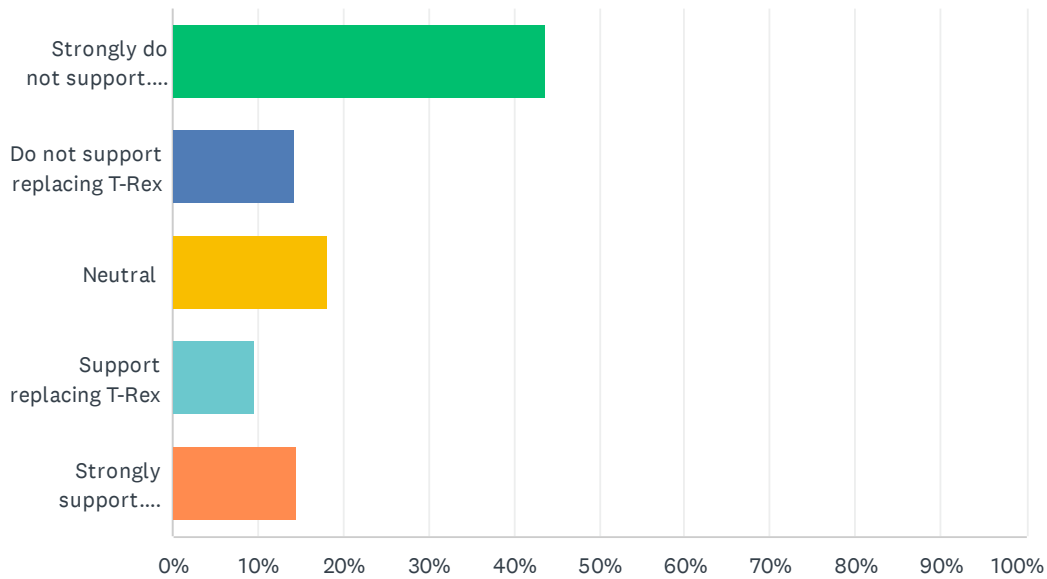
Answered: 2,298 Skipped: 556



ANSWER CHOICES	AVERAGE NUMBER	TOTAL NUMBER	RESPONSES
	43	98,440	2,298
Total Respondents: 2,298			

**Q4 Replacement of T-Rex** An option being considered is to replace T-Rex with a fiberglass, realistic large dinosaur. The new replacement dinosaur will cost less than repairing old T-Rex. What is your level of support for removing T-Rex and replace it with a new, more realistic dinosaur?

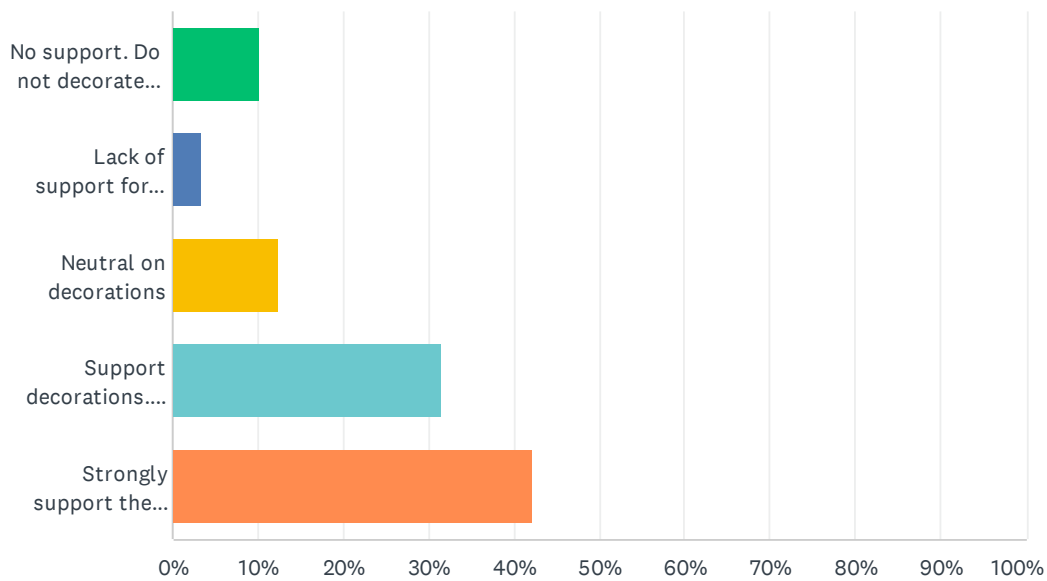
Answered: 2,830 Skipped: 24



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Strongly do not support. Love our current T-Rex	43.60%	1,234
Do not support replacing T-Rex	14.35%	406
Neutral	18.02%	510
Support replacing T-Rex	9.54%	270
Strongly support. Replace T-Rex with an updated dino	14.49%	410
TOTAL		2,830

**Q5 Costumes on T-Rex** Vernal City street crew previously decorated T-Rex with holiday themed costumes. The costumes are mega-sized with safety features to resist wind and snow loads. Three years ago, the City was faced with budget cuts and to keep taxes low, reduced two staff positions in the public works department. At that time, services were reduced which included decorating T-Rex. There are work resources involved in cleaning, repairing, storing and placing the decorations. What is your level of support for using taxpayer dollars to decorate T-Rex?

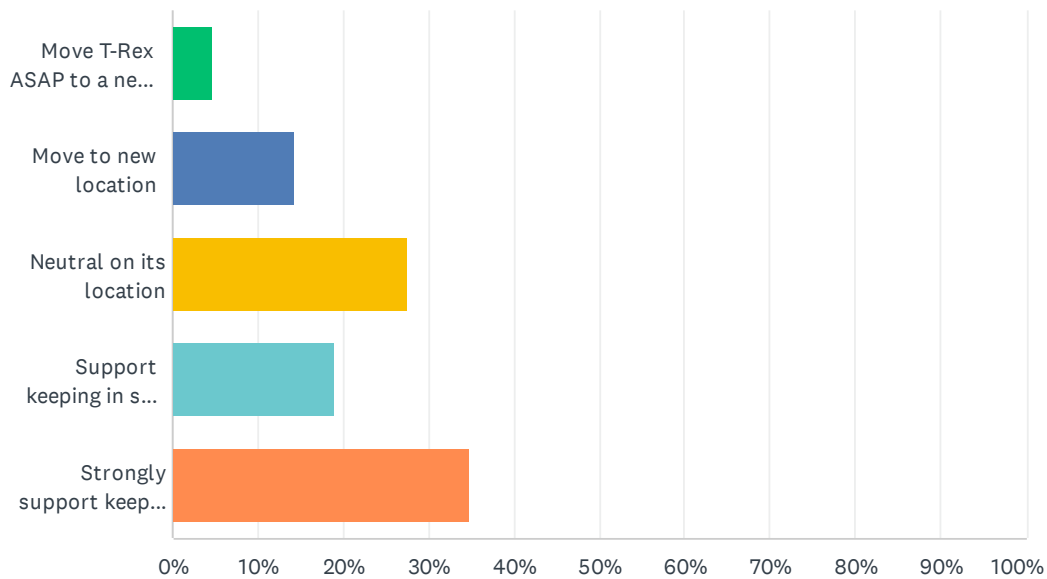
Answered: 2,815 Skipped: 39



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
No support. Do not decorate using tax dollars.	10.27%	289
Lack of support for decorations. Possible once a year.	3.45%	97
Neutral on decorations	12.43%	350
Support decorations. Only a few times a year.	31.58%	889
Strongly support the return of the decorations. Use my taxes to decorate.	42.27%	1,190
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>2,815</b>

**Q6 Location of T-Rex** T-Rex is currently on an island next to Highway 40. T-Rex is facing the highway and is approximately 9ft away from the road. Over 25,000 vehicles travel the four lane highway each day including heavy truck traffic. This location is not safe for taking pictures in front of the dinosaur when visitors, especially with their children, pose or cross the highway. There is an option to move T-Rex to another location to encourage safe picture taking and visitors. This will require additional funds to move T-Rex. What is your level of support to keep T-Rex where it currently sits?

Answered: 2,829 Skipped: 25



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Move T-Rex ASAP to a new location	4.60%	130
Move to new location	14.25%	403
Neutral on its location	27.43%	776
Support keeping in same location	19.02%	538
Strongly support keeping T-Rex right where it is	34.71%	982
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>2,829</b>

## Q7 If T-Rex is moved, what location do you support moving T-Rex to?

Answered: 642 Skipped: 2,212

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Best location for T-Rex	98.75%	634
Next best location for T-Rex	62.62%	402

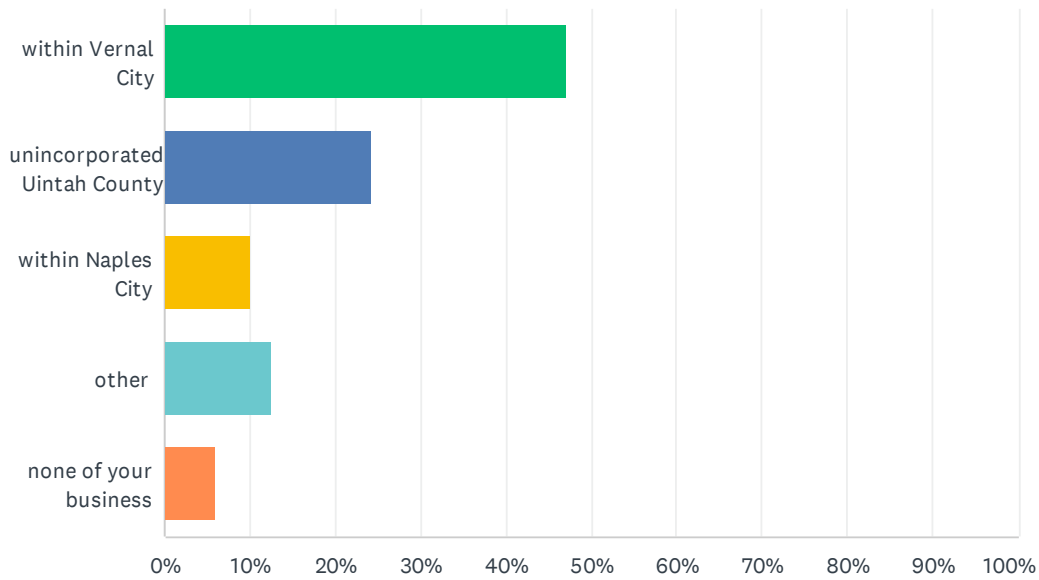


Q7 If T-Rex is moved, what location do you support moving T-Rex to?

now Na lot already Near library Central view area removed visible Dina Still entrance  
West side town building Library lawn entering vernal roosevelt Anywhere  
coming town Roosevelt Vernal Don t move city rest area Heritage Museum N  
West end town Dino coming Vernal None Leave one see  
welcome vernal sign museum county building dinosaur people S needs  
Main Street road highway used Maybe new old  
Vernal city area Possibly Library make park West end  
Somewhere Next park library visitors safe pull  
move dump Hwy South Right tourists Near Vernal city park west  
come Vernal Roosevelt location grass front county parking lot Roosevelt  
coming town way Keep entering vernal main next heritage museum  
walking park hill come Vernal sure Closer City park good front library Stay town  
helicopter Downtown T-Rex spot trees Current location look Cobble Rock Park  
Naples North Walmart  
Close coming town Roosevelt highway Ashley Valley Community now Near Walmart  
Cobble Rock Park Library lawn come town pink Dino Keep old lamplighter  
Vernal city park west side downtown western park across far sure fields city park  
think Leave T-Rex Right new front around Somewhere overlook  
Vernal need move Ashley town put parking lot  
Dinosaur museum area enter Vernal Maybe corner library make  
park sits s City hall Near vernal city offices walking park  
building old coming next west Walmart enter spot stay location  
walking one lawn museum attraction see first Main Street road  
Current location gas station None take pictures N vacant lot west side town  
Field House lot city building Rec center old court house West end town Don t move center  
Vernal UT safer south

## Q8 Where do you reside?

Answered: 2,808 Skipped: 46



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
within Vernal City	47.08%	1,322
unincorporated Uintah County	24.39%	685
within Naples City	10.11%	284
other	12.54%	352
none of your business	5.88%	165
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>2,808</b>

## Q9 If you desire to be updated about T-Rex's future or donation efforts, please provide contact information (optional)

Answered: 635 Skipped: 2,219

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Name	0.00%	0
Company	0.00%	0
Address	0.00%	0
Address 2	0.00%	0
City/Town	0.00%	0
State/Province	0.00%	0
ZIP/Postal Code	0.00%	0
Country	0.00%	0
Email Address	100.00%	635
Phone Number	0.00%	0

## Q10 Comments and feedback about anything dinosaurs or T-Rex.

Answered: 549 Skipped: 2,305